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- (a) There is a Rural Health Collaborative Pilot within the mid-shore region.
- (b) The Collaborative is an independent unit in the Department.
- (c) The Collaborative shall have a minimum of 29 members but may not exceed 35 members.
- (d) The Collaborative shall include the following members:
 - (1) The Executive Committee; and
 - (2) The following members appointed by the Secretary:
 - (i) One representative from a local department of social services in the mid-shore region;
 - (ii) One representative from a local management board in the mid-shore region;
 - (iii) One representative from a department of emergency services in the mid-shore region;
 - (iv) One representative from a local agency on aging in the mid-shore region;
 - (v) One representative from a local board of education in the mid-shore region;
 - (vi) One health care consumer from each county in the mid-shore region;
 - (vii) One health care provider from each county in the mid-shore region; and
 - (viii) Two representatives from primary transportation providers in the mid-shore region.
- (e) The purposes of the Collaborative are to:

(1) Lead a regional partnership in building a rural health system that enhances access to and utilization of health care services designed to meet the triple aim of:

- (i) Providing health care;
- (ii) Alignment with the State's Medicare waiver; and
- (iii) Improving population health;

(2) Mediate disputes between stakeholders;

(3) Assist in collaboration among health care service providers in the mid-shore region;

(4) Increase the awareness among county officials and residents regarding the health status, health needs, and available resources in the mid-shore region; and

(5) Enhance rural economic development in the mid-shore region.

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